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SUBJECT: OPPOSITION IN CHIRIQUI

REF: BLACKEN/HOWARD TELCON 1/15

1. A MEETING CALLED BY RICE GROWERS ASSOCIATION, BUT INCLUDING PERSONS FROM OTHER AREAS OF PRIVATE SECTOR, WAS HELD IN THE CIVIC CENTER IN DAVID, CHIRIQUI PROVINCE ON THE EVENING OF JANUARY 15. ANNOUNCED PURPOSE OF THE MEETING WAS TO AIR COMPLAINTS OVER GOP'S HANDLING OF RICE MARKETING AND NON-PAYMENT FOR RICE PURCHASED BY GOP MARKETING AGENCY. PRIOR TO MEETING, HOWEVER, WE RECEIVED REPORTS THAT SOME PARTICIPANTS INTENDED TO USE THE MEETING AS A FORUM FOR ATTACKING TORRIJOS FOR HAVING VISITED CUBA. IN ADDITION, THESE PERSONS WOULD SEEK TO PROVOKE A STREET DEMONSTRATION AGAINST TORRIJOS.

2. WE DO NOT YET KNOW EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENED IN THE MEETING; HOWEVER, GOP SOURCE HAS INDICATED THAT THE TORRIJOS AND OTHER TOP LEADERS ARE CONCERNED AND ANGRY OVER THE MEETING AND ARE CONTEMPLATING HOW BEST TO RESPOND.

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